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SUBJ GATT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE: DRAFT DECLARATION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION ON MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS AGREED BY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE JULY 28 FOR
CONSIDERATION BY MINISTERS AT SEPTEMBER TOKYO MEETING.

1. THE MINISTERS, HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVING NOTED THAT A NUMBER
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OF GOVERNMENTS HAVE DECIDED TO ENTER INTO COMPREHENSIVE

MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GATT AND THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO MAKE A DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, DECLARE THE NEGOTIATIONS OFFICIALLY OPEN. THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE HAVE NOTIFIED THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF GATT TO THIS EFFECT, AND THE MINISTERS AGREE THAT IT WILL BE OPEN TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, THROUGH A NOTIFICATION TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE MINISTERS HOPE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL INVOLVE THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE. THEY EXPECT THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE ENGAGED EFFECTIVELY AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT, TO THAT END, THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WILL HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

2. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL AIM TO:

-ACHIEVE THE EXPANSION AND EVER-GREATER LIBERALIZATION OF WORLD TRADE AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, OBJECTIVES WHICH CAN BE ACHIEVED, INTER ALIA, THROUGH THE PROGRESSIVE DISMANTLING OF OBSTACLES TO TRADE, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF WORLD TRADE.

-SECURE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO AS TO ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS; THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR EXPORTS, THE ACCELERATION OF THE RATE OF GROWTH OF THEIR TRADE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THESE COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE AND A BETTER BALANCE AS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN THE SHARING OF THE ADVANTAGES RESULTING FROM THIS EXPANSION, THROUGH, IN THE LARGEST POSSIBLE MEASURE, A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONDITIONS OF ACCESS FOR PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND WHEREVER APPROPRIATE, MEASURES DESIGNED TO ATTAIN STABLE, EQUITABLE AND REMUNERATIVE PRICES FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS.

TO THIS END, COORDINATED EFFORTS SHALL BE MADE TO SOLVE IN AN EQUITABLE WAY THE TRADE PROBLEMS OF ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC TRADE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. TO THIS END THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD AIM INTER ALIA TO:

(A) CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON TARIFFS BY EMPLOYMENT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROPRIATE FORMULAE OF AS GENERAL APPLICATIONS AS POSSIBLE; (B) REDUCE OR ELIMINATE NON-TARIFF MEASURES OR, WHERE THIS IS NOT APPROPRIATE, TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THEIR TRADE RESTRICTING OR DISTORTING EFFECTS, AND TO BRING SUCH MEASURES UNDER MORE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE;

(C) INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE COORDINATED REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF ALL BARRIERS TO TRADE IN SELECTED SECTORS AS A COMPLEMENTARY TECHNIQUE;

(D) INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE MULTILATERAL SAFEGUARD SYSTEM, CONSIDERING PARTICULARLY THE MODALITIES OF APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIX, WITH A VIEW TO FURTHERING TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND PRESERVING ITS RESULTS;

(E) INCLUDE, AS REGARDS AGRICULTURE, AN APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS WHICH, WHILE IN LINE WITH THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND PROBLEMS IN THIS SECTOR;

(F) TREAT TROPICAL PRODUCTS AS A SPECIAL AND PRIORITY SECTOR.

4. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL COVER TARIFFS, NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND OTHER MEASURES WHICH IMPEDE OR DISTORT INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING TROPICAL PRODUCTS AND RAW MATERIALS, WHETHER IN PRIMARY FORM OR AT ANY STAGE OF PROCESSING INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND MEASURES AFFECTING THEIR EXPORTS.

5. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, MUTUAL COMMITMENT AND OVERALL RECIPROCITY AND CONSISTENTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. PARTICIPANTS SHALL JOINTLY ENDEAVOUR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE, BY APPROPRIATE METHODS, AN OVERALL BALANCE OF ADVANTAGE AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL.

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